



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

D.T.E. 04-114
D.T.E. 04-117

December 29, 2004

Petition of Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company requesting approval of (1) their 2004 Transition Cost Reconciliation Filing, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03 (4)(e), and (2) a proposed increase to their standard offer service fuel adjustment.

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FOR: COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC COMPANY and
CAMBRIDGE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY
Petitioners

I. INTRODUCTION

On December 7, 2004, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4)(e), Cambridge Electric Light Company (“Cambridge”) and Commonwealth Electric Company (“Commonwealth”) (collectively, “the Companies”) filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) their 2004 reconciliation filing, which consists of the reconciliation of transition, transmission, standard offer service and default service costs and revenues, and proposed updated charges and tariffs to be effective January 1, 2005. The Department docketed this filing as D.T.E. 04-114.¹

In addition, on December 7, 2004, the Companies submitted for approval tariffs designed to increase the standard offer service fuel adjustment (“SOSFA”) effective January 1, 2005. The Department docketed this filing as D.T.E. 04-117.

On December 8, 2004, the Department issued a notice and a request for comments on the Companies’ filings. No comments were filed.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TARIFFS

According to the Companies, the rate adjustments affect their transition, transmission, and standard offer service, and default service adjustment charges. For 2005, the Companies propose the following: (1) an average transition charge of \$0.00288 per kilowatthour (“KWH”) for Cambridge and \$0.02660 per KWH for Commonwealth; (2) an average transmission charge of \$0.02136 per KWH for Cambridge and \$0.00484 per KWH for Commonwealth; (3) a default

¹ On January 6, 2004, the Department approved the Companies’ 2003 reconciliation filing, subject to further investigation and reconciliation. Cambridge Electric Light Company/ Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 03-118-A (2004).

service adjustment factor of zero for Cambridge and Commonwealth; and (4) a SOSFA factor of \$0.01564 per KWH for Cambridge and Commonwealth. The Companies assert that these proposed rates were calculated substantially following the method used in their 2003 reconciliation filings set forth in D.T.E. 03-118.

III. ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Based upon its review of the Companies' filings, the Department has determined that further investigation is necessary. The Department finds, however, that the tariffs filed by the Companies for service on and after January 1, 2005, including the SOSFA, are in compliance with Department precedent² and G.L. c. 164, § 1B(b). Consequently, the rate changes are allowed, subject to reconciliation pursuant to the Department's ongoing investigation.

IV. ORDER

After review and consideration, it is

ORDERED: That the tariffs filed by Commonwealth Electric Company with the Department on December 7, 2004, M.D.T.E. Nos.302D, 304C, 320C through and including 325C, 330C through and including 336C, 340C, and 341D, for service on and after January 1, 2005 are APPROVED; and it is

² Cambridge Electric Light Company/Commonwealth Electric Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111 (1998); Cambridge Electric Light Company/Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 99-90 (2001); Cambridge Electric Light Company/Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 00-83 (2002); see also, Cambridge Electric Light Company/Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 01-79 (2001); Cambridge Electric Light Company/ Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 03-118-A (2004).

FURTHER ORDERED: That the tariffs filed by Cambridge Electric Light Company with the Department on December 7, 2004, M.D.T.E. Nos. 202D, 204C, 220C through and including 225C, and 230C through and including 236C, 237D through and including 239D, 240C, and 241B for service on and after January 1, 2005 are APPROVED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That the rate changes for Commonwealth Electric Company and Cambridge Electric Light Company are ALLOWED subject to reconciliation pursuant to the Department's investigation; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That Commonwealth Electric Company and Cambridge Electric Light Company comply with any and all other directives contained in this Order.

By Order of the Department,

_____/s/_____
Paul G. Afonso, Chairman

_____/s/_____
James Connelly, Commissioner

_____/s/_____
W. Robert Keating, Commissioner

_____/s/_____
Deirdre K. Manning, Commissioner

An appeal as to matters of law from any final decision, order or ruling of the Commission may be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court by an aggrieved party in interest by the filing of a written petition praying that the Order of the Commission be modified or set aside in whole or in part. Such petition for appeal shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission within twenty days after the date of service of the decision, order or ruling of the Commission, or within such further time as the Commission may allow upon request filed prior to the expiration of the twenty days after the date of service of said decision, order or ruling. Within ten days after such petition has been filed, the appealing party shall enter the appeal in the Supreme Judicial Court sitting in Suffolk County by filing a copy thereof with the Clerk of said Court. G.L. c. 25, § 5.